



## “Bold in our Backyard” | Saul

**GETTING STARTED:** What about this season’s “I Heart SPFLD” events stand out most to you? If you participated in an event, what were some of the highlights?

### EXPLORE THE TOPIC

1. Summarize Saul’s transformation from the most zealous persecutor of Christians to a loyal follower of Christ. Explore Acts 9:1-19 for specific details.

2. What is meant by, “It’s one thing to believe in your heart that ‘Jesus is Lord;’ it’s another to live your life like ‘Jesus is Lord’ and it’s still one thing more to share with others the message: “Jesus is Lord”?”

3. Identify several of the attempts to block Saul’s boldness:

- The question of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:21)
- The threat of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:23-24)
- The lack of \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 9:26)

4. What about Saul’s story stands out most to you? What questions does it raise for you? What challenge or encouragement does it offer?

5. Why were Saul’s intentions questioned in Acts 9:21? How did he persevere and respond in 9:22?

6. When are Christian’s intentions questioned today? How are those questions voiced? What is a healthy response?

7. What immediate threat did Saul face in Acts 9:23-24? How did Saul and his followers respond in a bold way in 9:25?

8. Why was it hard for the disciples in Jerusalem to trust Saul in Acts 9:26? What had to happen in order for trust to be built in Acts 9:27?

9. How does someone establish trust? How can it be destroyed? What considerations should a person keep in mind when building trust around topics of faith?

10. Brooks presented a long list of the ways that South Side has been bold in caring for Black Hawk Elementary School (right in our backyard!). What about that list surprised you? What about it encouraged you?

### APPLY THE TRUTH

Use this “Bold: Heroes of the Uncharted” sermon series to become more acquainted with several New Testament characters. Use the “Field Guide” (available at the “Uncharted” wall) to review the background of Saul and read more about his story in scripture.

### PRAYER

Take time this week to ask God where you can be used in the “backyard” of Springfield. Where are you uniquely positioned to care for people? Pray for boldness to reach out to others regardless of whether or not your intentions might be questioned.

### NOTES:

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